Individual Assistance
PDA Training
Preliminary Damage Assessment

• **Purpose of a PDA:**
  – To **VERIFY** the impact and magnitude of damage and the resulting unmet needs of individuals, businesses, public sector and community as a whole
  – Joint
    • Local Representative
    • State
    • SBA
    • FEMA

• **Information to be **verified:**
  – Number of damaged dwellings
  – Degree of Damage
  – Insurance Coverage
  – Income Levels
  – Functional and Access Needs
  – Types of structures-(Single Family, Mobile Home, Multi-family)
  – Ownership/Occupancy status
PDA Information Collection

• FEMA Damage Categories:
• Based on level of HABITABILITY of **Structure** (Primary residence)
  – Destroyed:
  – Major
  – Minor
  – Affected
  – Inaccessible

**Definition:** A Habitable House is Safe, Sanitary, Functional, and Presents No Disaster Related Hazards to the Occupants
Categories of Damage

**Destroyed:** (Not habitable)
- No walls standing or
- Structural integrity completely compromised collapsed basement walls, foundation, walls, or roof
- Not Economically Feasible to repair
- Complete failure to structural elements of residence (walls, floor, foundation)
- Damage beyond scope of FEMA Repair limit

**Major:** (habitable with repairs)
- 3 walls standing with no roof or
- 300 ft. Roof Framing and Up
- 601 ft. Roof Cover and Up with damage to ceiling, walls, or floor covering
- Water level 1 ft. or above
- Substantial failure to structural elements of residence (walls, floor, foundation)
- Will take more than 30 days to repair
Categories of Damage

**Minor:** (habitable with Repairs)
- 100 to 600 sq. ft. Roof Cover and Up with ceiling, floor damages
- Water Level 6 Inches to Less than 1 foot
- Habitable in Short period of Time with home repairs

**Affected:** (Habitable)
- Damage to:
  - non-essential living area
  - Extra living room or dining room
  - Unoccupied bedroom in basement
  - Damaged outbuildings or garage

**Inaccessible:**
- Access to home not possible due to standing water, destroyed bridges, or roads
- Basic Utilities are inoperative
- Homes Evacuated due to Imminent Threat (Ex. mudslides)
Factors for the Individual Assistance Program
44CFR §206.48

We consider the following factors to measure the severity, magnitude and impact of the disaster and to evaluate the need for assistance to individuals under the Stafford Act.

– Concentration of damages
– Trauma
– Special populations
– Voluntary agency assistance
– Insurance
– Average amount of individual assistance by State
PDA Training
Practical Exercise
Exercise Details

• Determine if the damages in slides are:
  A, Destroyed, B, Major, C, Minor, D, Affected, or E, Inaccessible

  Use the criteria you learned today.

• You can refer to your notes or the copy of the slide presentation during the exercise.

• This will be a self-paced, self-correcting exercise. Click on the slide number to see the answer and click “Return” to go to the next slide.
Slide 4 Answer

- Destroyed: Home off of the foundation=structure totally compromised. Over the FEMA repair maximum.
Slide 5 Answer

- Inaccessible: home surrounded by water unable to determine damages

- If a fly over, Major: The Damages are hard to tell from the picture but the basement is flooded and if there is furnace. Electrical box, and water heater in the basement (typical setup) these are major structural components that are disabled.
• Major: See the water line of 1 foot or more. The water covers the electric outlets.
Slide 9 Answer

• Major: Water line more that one foot on wall (2-3 ft.).
A-Destroyed
B-Major
C-Minor
D-Affected
E-Inaccessible
Slide 19 Answer

• Inaccessible: unable to view whole house which is surrounded by water. Probable minor
Minor: Looks like less than one foot water line on home above foundation. No basement windows.

Note: This home could be manufactured housing. If so water above the bottom board, damages would be major because electrical runs under the floor as does heating duct work.
• Major: Water line shoulder height next to doorframe.
A-Destroyed
B-Major
C-Minor
D-Affected
E-Inaccessible
• Major: Three foot of mud/water. Look for water line on walls and chest of drawers. Also light switch is under the water line.
A-Destroyed
B-Major
C-Minor
D-Affected
E-Inaccessible
Slide 32 Answer

- Affected: Some minor cosmetic damages
A-Destroyed
B-Major
C-Minor
D-Affected
E-Inaccessible
Inaccessible: It appears the water is standing, not moving. Water could be there a long time which would increase damage to interior walls via wicking effect on drywall and insulation.
Apartments/Renters

A-Destroyed
B-Major
C-Minor
D-Affected
E-Inaccessible
• The apartment owner can apply for assistance from the SBA
• The renters can receive personal property assistance.
• This is listed as a multiple occupancy building and the number of damaged units will be recorded.
A-Destroyed
B-Major
C-Minor
D-Affected
E-Inaccessible
Slide 38 Answer

• Destroyed: Beyond the program maximums to repair. Exterior walls and posts broken or warped including partial roof collapse. Mud has surrounded the structure and appears to be inside the structure as well.
A-Destroyed
B-Major
C-Minor
D-Affected
E-Inaccessible
Slide 39 Answer

• Inaccessible

• Using fly over method, Major: Estimated two to three feet of water inside as measured by the door and over the window sills. When water covers the electrical outlets= major.
A Destroyed
B Major
C Minor
D Affected
E Inaccessible
Slide 43 Answer

• Affected: Damages to carport only. Does not affect access or habitability
A Destroyed
B Major
C Minor
D Affected
E Inaccessible
Slide 44 Answer

• Affected: Brick Veneer separated from home
  No visible structural damages. Walls intact.
A Destroyed
B Major
C Minor
D Affected
E Inaccessible
Slide 46 Answer

• Major: Attached Garage and wall behind garage are displaced. Entranceway (Access) is blocked by displacement of wall.
A Destroyed
B Major
C Minor
D Affected
E Inaccessible
Slide 48 Answer

• Minor: Building in background has window damages and brick veneer fell off onto vehicle in foreground.